**A8: A divided union: Civil Rights in the USA, 1945-1974**

1. Study these events which occurred in the USA in the years 1960-1972.

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| Assassination of Martin Luther King | King’s ‘I have a dream’ speech | The Greensboro ‘Sit-ins’ | The Voting Rights Act | The Freedom Riders |

Write these events in the correct chronological sequence. (3 marks)

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1. Choose **either** The Greensboro ‘Sit-ins’ or The Voting Rights Act

Describe **one** effect on the USA of the event you have chosen. (4 marks)

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1. Why did the black people of Montgomery boycott the buses for 381 days in 1955-1956? Explain your answer. (8 marks)

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1. Study the source below and then answer the question that follows.

**Source: From Free at Last, a book published by the US government’s Bureau of International Information programs in 2008.**

‘The Freedom Riders’ victory set the tone for the great civil rights campaigns that followed. Not for the first time during these climactic years, a free press forced Americans to take a cold, hard look at the reality of racial oppression.’

Use the source, and your own knowledge, to describe the main effects of the non-violent direct action tactics used in the civil rights campaigns of the 1960s. (10 marks)

**(Total for Question A8 = 25 marks)**

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